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Geneva LL.M. on International Dispute Settlement (MIDS)
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LANGUAGE/QUALIFICATIONS

Korean (Native), **English** (Native or Bilingual Proficiency), **Mandarin** (Limited Professional Proficiency)
Admitted to the **Bar in Seoul, Korea** (2015)

EXPERIENCE

LEE & KO

Seoul, Korea

International Arbitration Associate

Feb 2017—July 2020

- Represented the Government of the Republic of Korea (“*ROK Government*”) in high-profile and complex investment treaty arbitration cases
- Advised the ROK Government (Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy, and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport respectively) on international investment agreements and investor-State disputes, including assessment of potential investment disputes
- Represented clients in international arbitration cases under ICC, UNCITRAL, and KCAB arbitration rules
- Advised clients in matters regarding international arbitration and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards in Korea
- Drafted written submissions, prepared factual and legal exhibits, and conducted witness interviews as well as other fact-finding activities for international investment and commercial arbitration cases

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Gwacheon, Korea

Attorney/Legal Adviser, International Legal Affairs Division

Apr 2015—Feb 2017

- Acted for the ROK Government in LSF-KEB Holdings SCA and others v. Republic of Korea (ICSID Case No. ARB/12/37)
- Drafted preliminary case analysis in Hanocall Holding B.V. and IPIC International B.V. v. Republic of Korea (ICSID Case No. ARB/15/17) and in Mohammad Reza Dayyani and others v. Republic of Korea (UNCITRAL ad hoc arbitration)
- Drafted preliminary case assessment for potential claims by a foreign investor against the Korean government (which developed into a formal investment treaty arbitration against the ROK Government in July 2018)
- Acted as part of the team of Negotiators in Korea-Israel FTA, Korea-China-Japan FTA, Korea-Colombia FTA, Korea-Central America FTA, RCEP
- Acted for the Korean Central Authority in the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction
- Provided lectures to regional government officials in Korea on Investor-State Disputes

UNCITRAL ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE

Songdo, Korea

Legal Intern

Jan 2013—Mar 2013

- Reviewed Korean Supreme Court Judgments applying UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules

SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR INT’L ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS LAW

Seoul, Korea

Research Assistant (Supervisor: Professor Hi-Taek Shin)

Jan 2012—Oct 2012

- Research of investment treaty arbitration cases conducted under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (published under the auspices of the Korean Ministry of Justice entitled ‘UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules as applied to Investment Arbitration Cases (in Korean)’)

EDUCATION

CIDS GENEVA CENTRE ON INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

LL.M. Candidate (International Dispute Settlement)

Geneva, Switzerland

Sept 2020 - Present

SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Doctor of Law candidate (International Investment Law)

Juris Doctor

Seoul, Korea

Feb 2017 (coursework complete)

Aug 2014

- Runner-up, FDI Moot Asia-Pacific Rounds (2014)

Bachelor of Law

Aug 2010

- Honors: *magna cum laude*

- Winner, WTO/FTA Law Moot Competition (2010)

- National Rounds Winner, International Rounds Individual Oralist 22nd/Team 23rd, Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (2006)

PUBLICATIONS/LECTURES/VOLUNTEERING

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT ARBITRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY II

Co-Editor with Hi-Taek Shin and Liz Kyohwa Chung

Jun 2020

INVESTMENT CLAIMS (OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS)

Contributor, Investment Treaty Overview for the Republic of Korea

Nov 2017—Sept 2018

- Drafted an overview and headnotes for all Bilateral Investment Treaties concluded by the Republic of Korea

INVESTOR-STATE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT FORUM

Speaker (Moderator: Professor Hi-Taek Shin)

26 Sept 2016

- 'Fair and Equitable Treatment: Legitimate Expectations and Transparency'

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW (*Tongsang beopryul*), VOL. 129,

Author, 'Provisional Application of the Energy Charter Treaty and Consent to Investment Treaty Arbitration' (Korean)

Jun 2016

HANYANG UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Special Lecturer (Professor: Hyunsoo Joo)

- 'Definition of Investment in Investment Treaty Arbitration'

23 Mar 2018

- 'Most-Favoured Treatment and National Treatment'

22 Sept 2017

- 'Umbrella Clause in International Investment Agreements'

26 May 2017

FDI MOOT, ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL ROUNDS

Arbitrator

Seoul, Korea

Aug 2016 / Aug 2017 / Aug 2018/Nov 2020

INTERESTS/OTHER

Freediving (AIDA 1), Scuba diving (SSI Advanced)